

Principal: Richard Spencer

9th May 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

LANGUAGE FUTURES

The Languages Department at Ely College is offering students the opportunity to be part of an innovation project in language learning. As part of the project students are invited to choose a language which is of interest and relevance to them, a language which they might need now or to meet their future aspirations. The role of the teacher will be to teach students how to learn a language, skills which they will then apply to their chosen language with the support of community language mentors. It is an approach which seeks to make language learning highly relevant and personalised to each student and provides them with the life-long learning skill of being able to learn any language.

The Language Futures project has been running successfully at a number of schools around the country. It was originally developed by Linton Village College in Cambridgeshire as part of a Paul Hamlyn Foundation initiative with management of the initiative passing to the Association for Language Learning in summer 2015.

Language Futures is being offered as an after-school enrichment opportunity, on Mondays after school, from 3 – 4pm. There is no charge, but places are limited and it is important to establish a stable, committed group of students. Therefore, students are encouraged to apply for a place, giving their language choice and the reasons for that choice. Students will continue to study their in-curriculum language(s) as normal. Essential requirements for Language Futures are:

- Students must outline strong motivation for learning their chosen language on the application form
- A language may only be studied in Language Futures if more than one student has chosen that language **and**
- If we can find age appropriate resources and a suitable volunteer mentor to support the students in their independent language learning.

Students are invited to apply for Language Futures and an application form is attached to this letter. Selection will **not** be based on ability, but on motivation and a positive work ethic. The deadline for applications is Friday 18th May.

Please contact Mrs N Deegan if you would like further information but are unable to attend this meeting.

Yours faithfully

N. Deegan

Mrs N Deegan
Curriculum Leader Languages





Language Futures Application Form

Application Form for Language Futures 2016-2017

Name:

Tutor Group:

Date:

I would like to be part of Language Futures because:

The language I would like to learn is:

My motivation for learning this language is:

My parents are supportive of this choice and have signed below:

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____

Additional parental comment (optional)

This form must be returned to the MFL department by Friday 18th May